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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Prior to examination of the above-identified application please amend the application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

Please amend the following claims as follows:

4. (Amended) A formulation as claimed in [any preceding claim] claim 1, wherein said coating comprises less than 23% of the weight of the formulation.

6.(Amended) A formulation as claimed in [any preceding claim] claim 1, wherein said polymeric coating is an ethyl cellulose coating.

7.(Amended) A formulation as claimed in [any preceding claims] claim 1, wherein the thickness of said coating is within the range of from 0.005 to 25  $\mu\text{m}$ .